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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES EASUM, AF; AND BUFFUM, IO, FROM
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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION TO IVORY COAST FOR UNGA VOTE ON
KHMER ISSUE

REF A. USUN 5495; B. USUN 5479; C. USUN 5787

1. I SHOULD LIKE TO ENLIST YOUR SUPPORT FOR A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM THE SECRETARY TO IVORIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARSENE USHER ASSOUAN FOR IVORY COAST'S FAVORABLE VOTE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO "FRIENDLY KHMER RESOLUTION" AT UNGA TEN DAYS AGO.

2. IVORY COAST WAS ONLY FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN DELEGATION TO VOTE IN FAVOR, DESPITE HEAVY PRESSURE FROM OTHER AFRICANS.

3. IVORY COAST'S VOTE REPRESENTED SHIFT EARLIER POSITION OF INTENDED ABSTENTION, CONVEYED TO EASUM BY FOREIGN MINISTER IN SEPTEMBER AND BY PRESIDENT TO ME IN OCTOBER. WHEN FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED I WENT BACK TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO POINT OUT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IT AND PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS ON KHMER ISSUE AND, DESPITE EARLIER POSITION, USHER AGREED TO SUPPORT IT. USUN EVEN REPORTED (REFTEL B) THAT AKE WAVERED ON SUBSTANCE, BUT WOULD STILL SUPPORT PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

4. SO OFTEN WE PUSH SO HARD ON THESE ISSUES AND THEN FORGET
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ABOUT THEM AFTER THE VOTE. IT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT GESTURE, AND

WOULD BUILD CAPITAL FOR FUTURE VOTES OF THIS SORT, IF USHER
RECEIVED A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM SECRETARY
KISSINGER. GIVEN INTERVENING NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS, IT IS
NOT TOO LATE FOR SUCH MESSAGE TO BE VERY MEANINGFUL.
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